

**University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
Consent to Participate in a Research Study
All Subjects
Biomedical Form**

IRB Study #

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Title of Study:

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What are some general things you should know about research studies?

You are being asked to take part in a research study. To join the study is voluntary. You may refuse to join, or you may withdraw your consent to be in the study, for any reason. Deciding not to be in the study or leaving the study before it is done will not affect your relationship with the researcher.

Research studies are designed to obtain new knowledge that may help other people in the future. There is no direct benefit from being in the research study. There also may be risks to being in research studies.

Details about this study are discussed below. It is important that you understand this information so that you can make an informed choice about being in this research study. You will be given a copy of this consent form. You should ask the researchers named above, or staff members who may assist them, any questions you have about this study at any time.

What is the purpose of this study?

The purpose of this research study is to

Are there any reasons you should not be in this study?

How many people will take part in this study?

A total of approximately 100 people will take part in this study.

How long will your part in this study last?

What will happen if you take part in the study?

What are the possible benefits from being in this study?

What are the possible risks or discomforts involved with being in this study?

How will your privacy be protected?

Describe how data will be protected here...

No subjects will be identified in any report or publication about this study. There may be rare instances when federal or state law requires the disclosure of such records, including personal information. This is very unlikely, but if disclosure is ever required, the Environmental Protection Agency will take steps allowable by law to protect the privacy of your personal information.

What will happen if you are injured by this research?

Theoretically, any research could involve a chance of personal injury. If such problems occur, the EPA cannot assist with the costs of the medical care.

Neither the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill nor the U.S. EPA has set aside funds to pay you for any such injuries, or for the related medical care. If you believe you have suffered a research-related injury, you have the right to pursue legal remedy if you believe that your injury justifies such action. The Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. S 2671 et seq., provides for money damages against the United States when property loss or personal injury results from the negligent or wrongful act or omission of any employee of the EPA while acting within the scope of his or her employment.

Signing this consent form does not waive any of your legal rights or release the investigator, the sponsor, the institution, or its agents from liability for negligence. If a research-related injury occurs, you should contact Howard Kehrl, the Director of the EPA NHEERL Human Research Protocol Office at 919-966-6208.

What if you want to stop before your part in the study is complete?

You can withdraw from this study at any time, without penalty. The investigators also have the right to stop your participation at any time. This could be because you are unable to provide necessary samples, or because the entire study has been stopped.

Will you receive anything for being in this study?

Participants will be provided \$50 gift card....

Will it cost you anything to be in this study?

It will not cost you anything to participate in this study except for your time. The EPA will pay for study materials and shipping.

Who is sponsoring this study?

This research is funded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. This means that the research team is being paid by this governmental agency for doing the study. The study investigators are employees of this Agency. The interviewers who contact you work under a contract with this Agency. The researchers do not have a direct financial interest in the final results of the study.

What if you have questions about this study?

You have the right to ask, and have answered, any questions you may have about this research. If you have questions, or if a research-related injury occurs, you should contact the researchers listed on the first page of this form.

What if you have questions about your rights as a research subject?

All research on human volunteers is reviewed by a committee that works to protect your rights and welfare. If you have questions or concerns about your rights as a research subject you may contact, anonymously if you wish, the Institutional Review Board at 919-966-3113 or by email to IRB_subjects@unc.edu.

Title of Study:

Principal Investigator:

Subject's Agreement:

I have read the information provided above. I have asked all the questions I have at this time. I voluntarily agree to participate in this research study.

Signature of Research Subject

Date

Printed Name of Research Subject

Signature of Person Obtaining Consent

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Printed Name of Person Obtaining Consent